

**Rep Council Meeting Minutes
Jan. 24, 2012
Vaca Pena library 3:30-5:30**

Members present – Katherine Epstein, Bob Blaine, Sharon Riehl, Mark Richardson, Tammy Parker, Tricia Cowen, Laurie Savage, Alyson Brauning, Ginny Miller, Suzi Morgan, Miranda Merino, Judy MacDonald, Stacie Smith, Tom Kutz, Chris Fickes, Joy Holleran, Julie McGee, Carolyn Thomas, Russ Tucker, Marisa Emlen, Glenn Branaman, Helen Mann, Diane Dahl, Kathy Steiert, Moira McSweeney, Larry Baker, Corey Penrose, Alyson Brauning, Todd Blanset, Ginny Miller, Marisa Emlen, Tammy Parker, Sharon Riehl, Sylvia!, Julie Timmerman, Sherie Mahlberg

Members absent – Brenda Hensley, Aja Cook, Christine Williams, Linda Phelan, Gary Masterson, Chelsea Seltz, Linda Covey, Richard Tietze, Erin Gardner, Teresa Cook, Bonnie Coldiron, Roxann Lynch-Burns, Marsha Rucker, David Fickess, Rodney Orosco, Ken Durham,

1) - Group discussions/site concerns – after a 10 minute discussion, the following issues were shared with rep council.

Elementary-

- ***Standards based report cards*** – there were some general sorts of questions and the implementation and format of the impending standards-based computer-generated report cards.
- ***Do elementary resource teachers get the same prep as regular ed teachers?*** – As per the contract, they should receive the same prep time as a 4-6 teacher + 20 percent for testing and IEP meetings.

Jr. High-

- ***Prep time for unit members with two assignments*** – has been an issue. Moira will bring up this issue with VUSD leadership. If you are, or if you know, anyone that has had issues with pay for your prep time as you travel between multiple school sites, please contact Moira.
- ***What takes precedence*** – past practice or contract language? – Contract language.

- *If a school site loses its lunch hour due to a fire, do they get to have a lunch later in the day?* – No, lunch requirements are waived in emergencies.
- *ED program at Jepson* – has students wandering the campus without supervision and site administration hasn't been able to rectify the problem. Tammy and Sylvia will contact VUSD administration and solve this problem.

High School-

- None

2) - Approval of the minutes— done without objection.

3) - Approval of the agenda— after the meeting with Sherie Mahberg was done added, the agenda was approved.

4) – Business

- *Wednesday collaboration plan form* – was distributed and discussed. Mark Fraizer has already met with secondary site administrators regarding the procedures to be followed on this form and will meet with elementary site administrators on the 24th regarding these forms. Consequently, if site administrators fail to follow these procedures on a collaborative Wednesday, please let Moira know as soon as possible. If you need a copy of the form, it's available at www.vacateachers.org.
- *Administrative evaluations* – were discussed and a draft was distributed. After the implementation was outlined, the following motions were made.

*Motion – direct e-board to prepare 550 copies of the unmodified survey for distribution at the next rep council meeting--seconded--*the motion fails.

*Motion – direct e-board to prepare 550 copies of the survey incorporating district administrator evaluation guidelines – seconded*the motion carries.

Motion – conduct the survey, using the distributed draft, at Markham in the next two weeks – seconded
= withdrawn

A copy of the survey draft can be found at www.vacateachers.org.

- **NEA Representative Assembly election update** (Larry Baker) — interested parties must submit their nomination for state delegates to the Redwood office by January 26th. Once that's done, there will be a region-wide election. We will have three local delegates from Vacaville and we will start to recruit for those positions soon. For more information, please visit <http://www.nea.org/grants/1357.htm>
- **Sherie Mahlberg** – introduced herself to rep council. She may be reached at - SherieMahlberg@Vacavilleusd.org.

5) - President's report – Moira reported on the following items:

- **Moira will be visiting** – more school sites soon and be attending state council this weekend.
- **Working collaboratively with VUSD** – we were able to send 12 folks to the CTA Good Teaching conference. VTA covered registration expenses and VUSD covered release time.
- **VUSD school board meetings** – are now available online at <http://www.vacavilleusd.org/streaming>
- **VUSD partnership with Solano Community College** – is coming along as well. If you've heard about another district or school which has implemented a similar program, please let Moira know.
- **Read across America** – is also coming. For more information, please visit <http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm>

6) - Treasurer's report (Brenda Hensley) — none

7) - Committee/Chair reports

Action (Corey Penrose and Aja Cook) – Corey reported on the following issues.

- **Website errors** – Rep council meeting location is still listed as Cooper - that will be fixed when these minutes are uploaded.
- **Good press** – from Dave DeBolt at [The Daily Republic](#) is greatly appreciated.

- ***Newsletter #2*** – is coming shortly, please be sure to confirm your registration, once you've registered at www.vacateachers.org. A raffle will also be coming soon.
- ***Facebook advertising*** – is also coming soon, we may need more followers.
- ***Sex drugs and Rock and Roll*** – training will happen on January 25th at the Cordelia LLC.
- ***Budget reports from CTA*** – are now available at www.vacateachers.org.

Bargaining (Brenda Hensley) — Brenda wasn't able to attend, but there were some questions about the calendar survey. Complete survey results, can calendars for the next three years, can be found at www.vacateachers.org.

Grievance (Sylvia Aquino) – Sylvia reported that there are two current personnel issues in the district and there will be, probably 6-7 non-reelects this year. Sylvia also reminded site reps that, if you're uncomfortable helping a member through the non-reelect process, she'd be happy to offer assistance.

Human Rights (Alyson Brauning) – The survey for membership regarding staff development will be released soon. Presenters will be provided by CTA and VUSD will provide the training space.

Women's' Issues (Tricia Cowen) - none

PAC (Dawn Kelly)-none

Special Ed (Tammy Parker) - Tammy reported that this standing committee has made progress on critical/dangerous cases, but it's frustratingly slow.

8) - Others – Linda Phelan, get well soon!

9) - Raffle—

- Barnes and Noble 25 dollar gift card – Tammy Parker
- Coldstone 15 dollar gift card – Corey Penrose J

10) - Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 5:30

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose